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This communication is to inform applicants that the Notification of Acceptance of Application (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) issued by the Office on 05 March 1999 is VACATED for the following reason:

The above Notification indicates completion of the national stage requirements on 04 November 1998, however applicants have not yet completed all the requirements for entry into the national stage in the United States under 35 U.S.C. 371. The declaration of the inventors has not been provided. Accordingly, the Notification of Acceptance of Application of 05 March 1999 was issued prematurely and is hereby VACATED.

The application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing, including the issuance of a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) to inform applicants that an oath or declaration of inventors must be submitted in order to avoid abandonment of the application in the United States.

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